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For: CONTACT MATERIAL, COMPOSITE
SINTERED CONTACT COMPONENT AND
METHOD OF PRODUCING SAME

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 7 of this paper.